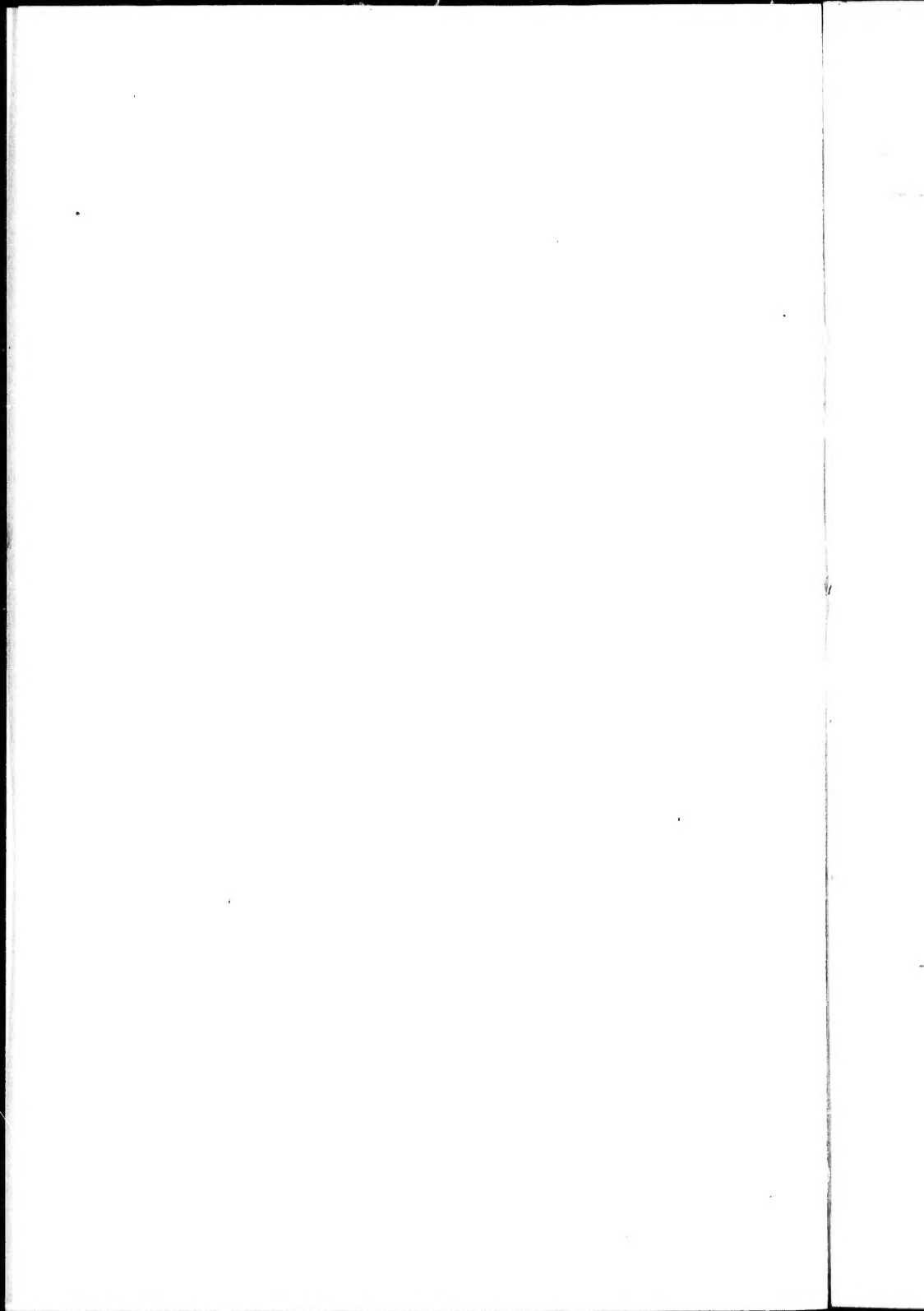




RULES

AND

REGULATIONS

OF THE

BRITISH AMERICAN

SOCIETY.

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I.

THE Members of this Society shall be **BRITISH AMERICANS**, born in any of the British American Colonies, and their Descendants, being British Subjects.

II.

THERE shall be Four Quarterly Meetings of this Society, exclusive of the Anniversary Meeting. The Quarterly Meetings shall be held on the Third Monday of May and August, at 7, p. m. and November and February, at 6 o'clock, p. m. The Anniversary Meeting shall be held on the 18th day of September, being the day on which the Illustrious **WOLFE** established the Capital of British America, unless the 18th happen on a Sunday, in which case the Anniversary shall be held on the Monday following.

III.

AT the Quarterly Meeting in August, in each and every year, the present year 1830 excepted, (the Officers being already elected at the organization of the Society,) the Members present shall, by a majority of votes, elect by ballot the Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, all of whom shall reside in the City : And on Friday the 7th of the present month,

the day appointed for the consideration of the Laws of the Society, the Members then present, shall appoint a Committee of Five Members for the purpose of distributing in charity the funds of the Society, and at the same time also, a Committee of Nine Members, who shall form a Balloting Committee for the admission of Members—all of whom shall remain in office until the Quarterly Meeting in August, 1831, when the Committees shall be elected by the Members present by ballot, immediately after the Officers of the Society are balloted for, and in the same way at each succeeding August.

IV.

UPON the nights in which Candidates are presented for ballot, should any of the Balloting Committee be absent, the President, or in his absence, the Presiding Officer, may appoint to and fill up such vacancy from the Members of the Society, to act for the evening only.

V.

ANY Member duly elected to an office, and refusing to accept that office, shall forfeit and pay *Ten Shillings* for the use of the Society, provided the Member so refusing has not served in the same office immediately preceding the Election, and another shall be forthwith elected in his stead.

VI.

CANDIDATES for admission, must be proposed by a Member of the Society, and in all cases of ballot, 3 out of 9 shall exclude admission.

VII.

EVERY Member admitted shall upon his admission sign the Rules and Regulations, and pay to the Treasurer for the use of the Society the sum of *Five Shillings*, and the further sum of *Ten Shillings* yearly, to be paid by Quarterly payments: and on failure of either of the foregoing payments, and due notice being given to the delinquent by order of the Society, if payment be not made within twelve months from such notice, the name of such delinquent shall be erased from the list of Members.

VIII.

THE President, or in his absence or sickness the Presiding Vice-President, shall appoint a place for the Meetings of the Society.

IX.

RESIDENT Members, not attending Roll Call, or sending their Quarterly dues, shall pay the sum of *One Shilling and Three Pence* in addition to their Quarterly dues, as a fine for non-attendance, except in cases of good excuse.

X.

THE necessary expences for rooms, lights, fuel, printing, &c. shall be paid out of the funds of the Society; the remaining funds to be applied to the relief of indigent British Americans, born in any of the British American Provinces, and their descendants, being British Subjects; or to such other Objects of Charity as the President or Vice-Presidents may recommend.

XI.

APPLICATIONS for relief to be made to the Standing Committee, through the recommendation of some Member of the Society.

XII.

MEMBERS paying the Annual Subscription in advance, shall be exempted from fines for non-attendance.—Officers are not included in the above exemption.

XIII.

THE Standing Committee shall be limited in their appropriation of the funds to such sums as shall be ordered by the Society at any Quarterly Regular Meeting.

XIV.

AFTER the President or Presiding Officer shall have taken the chair, at the Meetings of the Society, the Rules shall be laid on the table, and nothing but the business of the Society shall be discussed while the Presiding Officer is in its chair, and offenders, after being called to order by the President, if they persist, shall be subject to the fine of *Two Shillings and Six Pence* for the use of the Society.—The Roll to be called half an hour after the hour appointed for the Meeting.

XV.

ALL dues and fines of the Society shall be collected by the Secretary and paid by him into the hands of the Treasurer, at the Quarterly Meetings, who shall give receipts for the same.

XVI.

THE Society shall have a Seal, upon which shall be engraved a **PINE TREE**, surmounted with a **CROWN**, and beneath the crown the words "**BRITISH AMERICAN SOCIETY**," with the motto

"Semper Floreat."

And this Seal shall remain in the hands of the President for the uses of the Society.

XVII.

THAT all Members of the Society shall upon application be furnished with a Certificate of admission, signed by the President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretary, and that the following shall be the form of the said Certificate, which shall be written upon parchment, conformably to a pattern retained by the Secretary, the expences of which shall be defrayed by the applicant.

FORM.

" *SAINT JOHN, NEW-BRUNSWICK,* }
British North America. }

" WE the President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretary, of the **BRITISH AMERICAN SOCIETY**, held in the City of Saint John, do hereby certify that A— B— was regularly admitted as a **MEMBER** of the said Society, at a Meeting held on the — day of —, in the year of our **LORD** —.

Given under our Hands and Seal of the Society,
 this — day of —.

_____, *President,*
 _____, } *Vice-Presidents,*
 _____, }
 _____, *Secretary."*

XVIII.

THAT the Members of the Society shall at their Anniversary Meetings wear a Badge, bearing the same device as the Seal—the Motto excepted.

XIX.

THAT the Secretary shall transcribe into an appropriate Book such matters connected with the interests of the Society as may be deemed expedient.

XX.

THE President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, may, at the request of any five Members, call Special Meetings of the Society, at such times as may be deemed expedient, giving notice thereof three days by printed hand-bills.

XXI.

THAT the Society may at a Quarterly Meeting, at any future period, alter, amend, or add to these foregoing Rules, in such way as may be deemed best calculated to advance the interests of the Society.

XXII.

ANY Member who shall violate the Rules of this Society, and who shall persist in so doing, after being duly notified to that effect by the President, shall forfeit his seat as a Member.

XXIII.

THESE Rules shall be considered the fundamental Rules of this Society, and shall not be altered, unless by the consent of the Society, at one of its Quarterly Meetings.

XXIV.

NOTICES of the Meetings of the Society shall be given by the Secretary the week previous, in all the public Newspapers of the City.

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